

Rowing Ireland Board Bulletin

This Bulletin summarises the items discussed at Rowing Ireland Board Meeting held on 19th November 2017. Prior to the Board Meeting, a wider group met to complete phase two of the Strategic Planning Review. This is a work in progress and is due for completion in 2018.

Board Meeting: Board Members:

E. Colclough (President), D. Buckley (Treasurer) B. Leader (Secretary)

	Vice President	Representative
Munster Branch	Lisa O'Callaghan	TJ Ryan
Ulster Branch	Brenda Ewing	Garth Young
Leinster	Leo Gibson	
Connacht	Deirdre O'Hara	N. Maxwell

Apologies: Carol Ann Smith

No independent directors appointed.

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1. CEO Hamish Adams and HPD Antonio Maurogiovanni met with representatives from the Universities to discuss future plans.
2. Ulster Branch has set up a Governance Committee to complete compliance requirements as outlined by Sport Northern Ireland.
3. Pat McInerney will join the High Performance Sub-Committee which is chaired by Neville Maxwell.
4. The board requested that staff members responsible for key initiatives will present to the board annually. Michelle Carpenter, who runs the Get Going... Get Rowing programme gave a presentation to the board about the programme. This has been a very successful initiative and continues to grow in popularity. Blitz events regularly take place and 900 students recently took part in the Trinity Blitz. Sport Irelands focus is on participation and local sports partnership and this programme runs in approved schools over a 4-6 week term. Ergs are brought to schools and the programme is rolled out in line with Olympic Values Education program as developed by World Rowing (FISA), Youth Sports International and the programme manager. On the water "taster sessions" are run by Get Going....Get Rowing Community Coaches. The initiative also includes a "Transition Year Coaching program" to develop leaders and coaches in our sport.
5. President, Eamonn Colclough attended the UCD Centennial Dinner which was a great success with over 450 attendees.
6. Skibbereen community were acknowledged by President Michael D. Higgins at an event at Aras an Uachtarain and the event was also attended by E. Colclough on behalf of Rowing Ireland.
7. The long established Michael Johnston fund raising scheme was discussed and HA will consider an alternative structure for 2018 to encourage greater participation by members of the rowing community.
8. OCI EGM takes place in December 17 and a board member will attend.

9. A High Performance report was presented by the High Performance Sub-Committee. The HPD Antonio Maurogiovanni is settling into his role and will attend regional meetings over the coming weeks to meet members in their provinces. At these meeting Antonio will outline the high performance pathway, and the expectations athletes aspiring to participate in the program will need to meet.
10. Brenda Ewing, Chair Domestic Events presented a report on events year to date. An item of note was an increase in the number of “time only” requests and the difficulty these can cause if not correctly processed on the Tracker system. The later tracker closing time of 23.59pm is also causing issues and may need to be reviewed.
11. A letter was received from the ICRF and a response was sent outlining the series of events leading up to the formation of Rowing Ireland Offshore and Coastal rowing.
12. As Sarah Dineen is now working on a part-time basis for Rowing Ireland a new administrator, Maria Rolston will join the staff in 2018. Maria will also work on a part-time basis and she has a background in journalism and administration.

Next Board Meeting will take place on January 13th 2018

AGM takes place in the Garda Boat Club On the 22nd April 2018.